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**Sun Spots**

**Lake Okechobee Clean-up Scheduled**  
The Florida Sportsman's Conservation Association and the Glades Airboat & Buggy Association are sponsoring a clean-up at the Belle Glade Marina on Sunday, August 8 beginning at 8 a.m. Glades residents are invited to pitch in. For more information, call Boyd at 561-883-9520.

**Belle Glade Bowl honors good grades**  
Students with an satisfactory or better grades on their final report card can bring it in to Belle Glade Bowl, 9135 S. Main St., for one free game. This offer is available on Tuesday, July 27 from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Free game does not include \$1.25 shoe rental.

**Child Support Enforcement Office Relocated**  
The Belle Glade Child Support Enforcement Office has been relocated to 125 N. Main Street. For directions or information on services provided, please call 561-992-2030.

**Car Wash at Glades Area ARC**  
The program participants of the ARC's Day Program will be having a car wash to raise money for their Special Activities Fund, for events and outings they plan and organize with the money they raise. The car wash will be at the Glades Area ARC parking lot, 4250 NW 19th Street (the old skating rink on SR 715 north of Hooker Highway) on Friday, July 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For questions or directions, call Cindy at 561-996-9583.

**Mentoring program offered by G.E.L.'s**  
The Glades Ethnic Ladies Club (G.E.L.'s) will begin a community-based mentoring support group for girls in grades 6-8 and ages 10-14 who reside in the Glades area. One involvement is targeted to address school attendance, track and assist with academic progress, self-respect and self-esteem, grooming, community involvement, future career exploration and awareness and short and long-term goals.

Events and activities will be scheduled for the young girls during the 1999-2000 school year and parent participation is highly encouraged. Recommendations will be accepted from parents, teachers, community members, neighbors or church leaders. Please contact the G.E.L.'s at 561-996-9583 for more information.



**BELLE GLADE WOMEN AND CHILDREN DIE IN ACCIDENT** The Belle Glade Fire Department and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office recover the 1989 Chevrolet that became a death trap to a local family when it plunged into a canal on State Road 80 Saturday. SunPhoto provided by the Belle Glade Fire Department.

## Belle Glade woman and her two children drown in canal

**By Debra Miller Staff Reporter**  
A Belle Glade woman and her two children died Saturday when the car she was driving served off State Road 80 and plunged into a canal.

According to the Belle Glade Fire Department, the accident is still under investigation as to why Dubesia Urieta, 28, of

2660 E. Main St. lost control of her 1989 Chevrolet. She drove 300 feet over the south shoulder of the road and into the canal.

By the time the Belle Glade Fire Department arrived on the scene the car was already submerged in 30 feet of water. Divers recovered the bodies of Urieta and her son Obed 4, but

were unable to locate the body of Maria, 12, for several hours after the accident.

According to the Belle Glade Police Department the family was traveling to the Palm Beach County Stockade in Loxahatchee to visit the children's father.

None of the victims were wearing seat belts.

## Pahokee High School student killed by gunman after argument

**by Debra Miller Staff Reporter**  
Seventeen-year-old Lavoski Williams of Pahokee died Thursday, July 15 from gunshot wounds he received apparently from Earnice Moree. According to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Moree was observed by witnesses firing a shot from a 12-gauge shotgun in the direction of Williams while traveling down West 4th St. and South Lake Avenue in Pahokee, hitting him once in the back.

Wounded, Williams fled in the direction of his home, located at 398 East 4th Street.

The Pahokee High School sophomore exited the car and ran up the steps to his house where he collapsed on the steps. Moree, in pursuit of the victim, caught up to him and as he laid on the steps bleeding from his gunshot wound, shot him again in the face, killing him.

Moree was later arrested by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's office at the home of his brother, 3030 Seville St. who

had called authorities after learning they were looking for Moree. Moree is charged with first degree murder and possession of a gun by a convicted felon.

Moree, 48, had been out of See Pahokee Student/ Pg. 2

## Convicted killer of GCI officer dies mysteriously at state prison

**by Debra Miller Staff Reporter**  
Death row inmate Frank Valdes had a big connection to the Glades. He was in the Florida State Prison for killing Glades Correctional Institution guard, Fred Griffith in 1987.

Now Valdes has met his own fate, when he died under what the Florida Department of Law Enforcement is calling unnatural causes at the prison.

Valdes, along with William Van Poyck, killed Griffith, a decorated Vietnam vet who had just started at the prison, when he and another guard volunteered to escort inmate James O'Brien to a doctor's office near Good Samaritan Hospital in West Palm Beach.

at Shands Hospital in Starke on Saturday, July 17.

According to the Bradford County Sheriff's Office, paramedics were called to the prison to treat an inmate who was not breathing. Paramedics later radioed the office saying they were taking Valdes to the hospital.

Valdes has been fighting for many years to try to overturn his conviction. He began representing himself after convincing Palm Beach County Judge Walter Colbath that he was competent.

Valdes was considered by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office as being extremely dangerous. His hearings were held at the tightly guarded courtrooms next to the county jail on Gun Club road rather than the downtown courthouses.

In one incident he became violent and lunged at the judge See Frank Valdes/ Page 2

## Pahokee Airport nicknamed the deadliest drop zone in the County

**by Debra Miller Staff Reporter**  
With the latest death of yet another skydiver at Pahokee Airport, some people are calling the airport "the deadliest drop zone for skydivers in Palm Beach County."

Brad Slager, 26, a Class A jumper, fell over 10,000 feet to his death on Sunday, July 18 after he collided with another jumper.

According to Sgt. David Carhart of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Slager's head may have hit the leg of another diver, which may have knocked him unconscious.

"He fell straight to the ground," Carhart said. Deputies found his body about a half mile east of the airport in a cane field. His parachute and reserve chute had opened on impact.

The other diver, Mike Pantall, was not uninjured in the incident.

This is the fourth death at the airport in the past two years.

Omar Lozada, 27, died Nov. 20, 1997, when he collided with another jumper. James Darby, 45, died seven days later while using a ski board. When another diver tried to do a maneuver called "docking," Darby spun out of control and apparently died of a heart attack.

Another diver to die at the airport was Mike McDonald. McDonald was performing his first solo jump when he

missed his landing target by a mile and landed in Lake Okeechobee. He was found entangled in the line of his chute by the Pahokee Fire Department.

The three other deaths took place when Skydive Palm Beach operated the diving business at the airport.

The diving school is now operated by Skydive America.

This news of another death at the airport came just one day after the skydiving company and its Internet.Com Inc. partner announced they plan to expand the airport at a cost of \$1.5 million.

Skydive America employs about 25 people at the airport and plans to apply to Palm Beach County to become the airport's fixed base operator, the company that sells gasoline and performs maintenance on airplanes.

They also plan to build a 43-slot recreation vehicle park with showers and laundry facilities, offices for skydiving operations, a swimming pool, restaurant, bar and a new hanger.

According to Skydive America manager Paul McGreevy, the recent accident at the airport could have been prevented if Slager had worn a "Cypress," a piece of safety equipment that would have cut the line that restrains the chute from opening, replacing a jumper's yank on the rip

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**ALWAYS GIVING A HELPING HAND** The Glades Youth Council held a barbecue and car wash last month and turned over proceeds to the Light House Cafe this week to help provide funds for the program. (left to right are) Rev. Isaac Jones of the Mt. Zion AME Church and board member of the Light House Cafe, Mary Ross Wilkerson of the Belle Glades City Commission and a member of the Glades Youth Council, Corey Wilkerson of the Glades Youth Council, Lt. Donald Hamilton of Glades Positive Alternative Partnership, Rev. David A. Day of the Community United Methodist Church and treasurer of the Light House Cafe board, Chuck Royal of Life Builders and a member of the board at Light House Cafe, Rev. Daryl with St. Paul Church of God of Christ and a board member of Light House Cafe, Mervis Williams of St. Pauls Church of God of Christ and a member of the board of Light House Cafe and Paul Allen, president of the board of Light House Cafe and a member of Life Builders. (See related story on Page 2.)

SunSpot Photo taken by Debra Miller



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**Mark your calendars**

The 1999-2000 school year will begin on Monday, August 16 and continue through May 26, 2000.

Parents should have their child's shot records and school supplies by the school start date. Principals say it is very important that all students attend school the first day. Most schools will begin registration

on or before July 26, 1999.

**Parents should be aware of dress codes**  
Lake Shore Middle School parents should be aware that the school will be having a uniform dress code this upcoming school year.

For the convenience of parents and guardians, Beall's Department Store will be offering the uniforms for sale at a reasonable price on August 13 from 9 a.m. to noon in the school's media center.

**Registration for school**

Canal Point Elementary School will hold registration for incoming kindergarten children and new students only on Thursday and Friday, Ju-

ly 22 and 23 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Registration will take place in the Media Center and the school is located at 300 Main Street, Canal Point.

For more information, call 924-6460.

**Volunteers needed**

The Pahokee boys facility is looking for volunteers to help make a difference in the lives of young men by tutoring, being mentors and role models, and serving as guest speakers in career areas.

The facility is home to 350 youth between the ages of 14 to 18. If you would like to help make a difference in the lives of these young men please call the Volunteer Coordinator at 924-5922, Ext. 207.



**THE GLADES YOUTH LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE** held its first class graduation on Saturday, July 17 at the Clewiston Inn. Due to the vision of Glades Community Development Corporation, the determination of the Youth Council and the concern shown by Pamela Rue and the Board of the Lost Tree Village Charitable Foundation, a vision became a reality.

Upon the conception of this initiative, they started with 40 young people of which only two had a 3.0 grade point average or better. Through graduation, 21 of the 40 young people maintained a 3.0 grade point average or better.

The young people were able to explore a variety of career opportunities by visiting different businesses such as WPEC-TV 12 and Florida Power & Light.

In addition to the structured training sessions, the youth's participation included learning about community responsibility, community clean-ups, sponsoring the concert for Stand for Children, sponsoring "Future Quest - A Day of Exploration" (career day) and raising funds for the Lighthouse Cafe's feeding program.

## Heat and cold kill more people than tornadoes, hurricanes or floods

By Mike Lyons

People often ask me what I like best about my job. It is a tough question to answer since I enjoy so many aspects of my profession.

From working with cutting-edge computer technology, to the continuing, formidable challenge of predicting tomorrow's weather, to having my face splattered on TV's across South Florida, I love just about every element of my career.

Yet, if I had to pick just one segment of my trade that I enjoy most it would be that meteorology is always full of surprises.

For example, take the heat wave that hit the northeastern part of the country recently. Or, as comedian Henry Youngman might say, "yes, please take it."

For three days, residents in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and dozens of other cities in the Northeast suffered through one of the



Mike Lyons

worst heat waves in years. Temperatures climbed into the triple digits while the heat index (a measure of the temperature and the humidity) soared into the danger zone.

The heat wave itself wasn't surprising. After all, major fluctuations in the temperature occur from time to time. Yet, what I found stunning was the number of people who

lost their lives from the heat.

And I'm not alone. Roger Pielke Jr., a researcher for the National Center for Atmospheric Research, has just completed a study of weather and its effects on society.

Pielke found that extreme heat and cold kill more people each year in the United States than floods, hurricanes, tornadoes and lightning combined. On average, heat waves and cold spells claim around 1,000 lives annually, while an average of 350 lives are lost in other weather phenomena.

Surprised? I know Pielke's study surprised me, especially since extreme cold or heat doesn't occur that often.

Intense heat waves, for example, develop only once or twice a season.

What those infrequent hot spells claims many lives. "Recent heat waves have caused extensive loss of life," said Pielke. A 1995 heat wave in Chicago, for example, killed over 500 people.

What's even more stunning is that Pielke discovered that heat waves kill more people in the 1990's than similar heat waves did in the 1930's. Despite air conditioning, heat claims more lives today than heat waves of 60 years ago.

"Comparison with severe heat waves of the 1930's suggests that society is at an increased risk for a variety of reasons," said Pielke. "This increase can be attributed to changing lifestyles, a growing elderly population that suffers the most from heat stress and is largely unable to afford air conditioning."

Pielke says-most heat related deaths occur in northern cities, where air conditioning is not as common as here in the South and where folks have a tougher time adapting to heat waves.

Still, it is surprising that in the 1990's the number one weather killer is not tornadoes or hurricanes or floods, but heat waves and cold spells.

**Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WFTS-TV.**

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prison for less than two years' escape. According to Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Sgt. David Carhart, Moree was transported to District 5 Detention Bureau where he refused to comment on the incident and was then transported to the county jail.

He also had an extensive felony arrest record dating back to 1968 that included sexual offense on a child, assault and battery, larceny and

According to Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Sgt. David Carhart, Moree was transported to District 5 Detention Bureau where he refused to comment on the incident and was then transported to the county jail.

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Witnesses say Moree went by the street name of "Cookkeeta" and was well acquainted with the victim.

They also claimed the Williams and Moree had been arguing for several days, but were not sure of what they were arguing about.

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during a court appearance and had to be restrained by officers.

Earlier this year, the Florida Supreme Court rejected his appeal for his freedom and he was being held on death row until his execution.

Nine guards are on paid suspension while the investigation into his death continues.

State investigators are saying Valdes sustained several broken ribs and had boot marks on his body. He was being moved into another wing of the prison, an area for prisoners who have disciplinary problems.

Reports stated that Valdes had been threatening to kill other guards. He was sprayed with pepper spray when he refused to leave his cell but still fought guards until he was finally subdued.

When guards went to check on him later they found he wasn't breathing and called paramedics. Valdes was pronounced dead at the hospital.

The investigation will continue according to Gainesville area State Attorney Rod Smith, who told reporters if any of the guards are charged in this case, they will be prosecuted.

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cord. Slager did own one of the \$1,200 pieces of equipment but it was not on his parachute during Sunday's fall.

According to a local resident, Skydive American could face some stiff competition in the next few weeks from other organizations in the area, who want to take over running of the airport and are current meeting with county commissioners in hopes of securing the contract for the airport.

Sources say they plan to open several new businesses at the airport, businesses that could employ over 500 people in a year of they secure the contract.



# Whole grain foods recommended three times a day



**Katrina Elken**  
Contributing  
Editor

Drug Administration.

"Increasing whole grain consumption could have a profound impact on the health of the nation," said Dr. Louis Sullivan, former secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and current president of the Morehouse School of Medicine.

The American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, the National Institute of Health and the

American Society for Clinical Nutrition have joined forces to produce dietary guidelines that help fight cancer, atherosclerosis, obesity and diabetes. These guidelines, which will be published in the July 27th issue of "Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association" will recommend Americans increase their consumption of whole grain foods to at least three servings per day.

Currently, according to American Heart Association research, only 7 percent of the American population eats three servings of whole grain foods a day. Whole grain foods are just that — foods that contain all three parts of the grain: the bran (fiber rich outer layer), the endosperm (middle layer) and the germ (inner layer).

Breads and breakfast cereals are the most common whole grain foods consumed by Americans.

But you can't always tell if a food contains whole grains just by looking at it. While whole grain breads are generally darker than those with only part of the grain, just because a bread looks dark doesn't automatically mean it is whole grain.

To help consumers correctly identify genuine whole grain foods, the USDA has authorized food companies that manufacture products that are made of at least 51 percent whole grain ingredients to print the following statement on their product labels:

"Diet's rich in whole grain foods and other plant foods and low in total, saturated fat and cholesterol may reduce the risk of heart disease

and certain cancers."

Consumers should also check the ingredient labels on packaged foods. The USDA requires food companies to list the ingredients in order. The first ingredient of the list is the main ingredient in the food. The first ingredient in a whole grain food should list something such as "whole wheat," "whole grain oats," or "whole grain wheat."

A study by Dr. David Jacobs Jr. at the University of Minnesota found that consuming whole grains is especially beneficial to postmenopausal women. He found that women who eat at least one serving of whole grain foods per day reduce their risk of death from all diseases. Eating two or three servings is even more beneficial.

"Research suggests that the whole

grain delivers abundant amounts of antioxidant vitamins and phytochemicals that appear to act together to provide protective effects," he stated.

Since the recommendation is at least three servings a day, the USDA doesn't specify when you should consume the whole grain foods.

However, an early study showed that eating whole grain cereal for breakfast can actually reduce your cholesterol and help lengthen your life. So try to eat at least one of your three servings for breakfast!

Before making any change in your diet or exercise plan, check with your doctor. This is especially important if you are on any prescription medications. Some foods interact badly with prescription drugs.

## Aging well or just getting older? Travel isn't just a way to get away!

We're all getting older. How we get there depends as much on attitude and behavior as genetics. According to the surgeon general, 60% of adults do not achieve the recommended amount of physical activity and 25% are not active at all. Inactivity is also higher among women.

Walking, weightlifting, flexibility training and other forms of exercise can help seniors avoid disabilities normally associated with aging and even

reverse the aging process itself, a team of scientists has concluded. (Center For The Advancement of Health, Feb. 2, 1999).

Simple changes in lifestyle can make big differences in our physical and mental well-being. Increased daily activity has been credited with reducing the risk of heart disease and stroke and some cancers, increasing life expectancy, improving sleep patterns, relieving arthritis and lower back pain, among

other benefits.

Changing habits and routines in our lives can be a challenge. Finding and maintaining the motivation to stick to positive new routines is not always easy. For some, making subtle changes over time works best, while others find that they need the incentive of a life changing experience to move them into action. Getting away and visiting a new country or a different part of our own country not only introduces us to

new landscapes but also to new possibilities. Traveling with an organized tour provides the support of a group along with the variety and richness of new personalities and ideas.

Becoming and staying fit does not mean having to run marathons or take great physical risks. Discovering the pleasures of a walk or quiet canoe trip can inspire women to seek out ways to include these activities into their lives. Explorations in Travel designs out-

door and cultural vacations for women over 40 who are looking for opportunities to travel, be active outside and make new friends.

"We often hear from women that after traveling with us they have gone home and made positive changes in their lives revolving around their health," says Explorations in Travel president Debbie Jacobs. "Many will become more committed to including more exercise in their lives, while others

admit to reaccessing their outlook on growing older. There are so many great travel opportunities for older adults. I think the hardest part is choosing where to go!"

For more information about active vacations for women over 40 and multi-generational holidays contact Explorations in Travel, 1922 River Road, Guilford, VT 05301. The telephone number is 802-257-0152. The fax number is 802-257-2784.

## ER Chronicles: That left leg was a problem



**Arlen R. Stauffer, M.D.**

Mary was having a great day. She had accomplished everything on her "todo" list, including the birthday card for her mother. She was on her way home, sailing along, carefree. She had again forgotten to fasten her seat belt; she was about to pay for that oversight.

Mary hardly saw the pick-up truck emerge from the side street. But, there it was, right in front of her. It looked as big as a house.

In a split second, the squealing of tires was followed by crunching metal and an airbag explosion. In that moment, Mary believed her left leg was being torn from her body.

"Medic 97 here. We're three minutes out with a 23-year-old female involved in an automobile crash." The paramedic's voice was calm and deliberate over the ER's radio.

"She's complaining of left hip pain, and her left leg is shortened and angled up."

As the paramedic finished her report, dutifully noting the vital signs, Mary's mental status, and the fact that she had

not been wearing her seat belt, the ER staff was somewhat puzzled. "What do you think she meant by 'shortened and angled up'?" a nurse asked the emergency physician.

Dr. Tammy Cortez shrugged her shoulders. "Well see in a minute."

As Mary's stretcher was rolled into one of the trauma rooms, the ER team converged over her. Cortez was next to her upper body asking questions, applying her stethoscope to several locations, and feeling for deformed or tender areas.

"Her pressure is still good, 138 over 88," a nurse reported, and her heart rate is 110. Both IV lines are good."

"Satisfied that Mary's airway was not compromised," that she was breathing well, and that her circulatory status was stable, Cortez turned her attention to Mary's pelvis and legs.

The paramedic was still in the trauma room doorway when she noticed Cortez running a hand along the side of Mary's thigh.

"You know," the paramedic theorized, "it looked like that left leg ran up against the dashboard, like it was just shoved backward when the knee hit the dash."

Cortez nodded, her head.

After noting that the leg was shorter than the right one, and that it was turned in and lying up over the right leg, she had a pretty good idea of what the problem was. She caught the attention of the X-ray technician who was shooting films of Mary's neck.

"When you're done there, get me a couple shots of the pelvis and this hip."

Cortez finished her initial evaluation of Mary. She was confident that the only major injury seemed to be the one to that left leg.

A nurse stayed at Mary's side as Cortez returned to a patient in the next room. She had been sewing up a large laceration on this man's leg when she had been interrupted by Mary's arrival. She knew she would have a few minutes before the X-ray films were all developed.

"Here they are!" the X-ray tech called into the room as Cortez, tied the last suture. "Just look at that hip!"

A glance at the X-ray view box confirmed the physician's suspicions. "Sure enough, it's a hip dislocation. Get the orthopedist on the phone for me."

Cortez had finished studying all of the X-rays by the time the secretary motioned to her to pick up the telephone.

"Hi, Bill," she said to Dr.

William Mackay. Mackay had practiced orthopedics for 12 years at this hospital; nothing ever got him ruffled. Cortez was glad Mackay was on call for orthopedic injuries today; she knew he would always do the right thing.

"Yeah, Tammy, what is it this time?"

"I've got a young woman with a posterior hip dislocation, Bill. This seems to be her only real injury from this motor vehicle collision; no evidence of a chest or abdominal injury. She's got good pulses in the leg and foot."

"This was all Mackay needed to hear. Veteran orthopedists only consider a few orthopedic injuries to be true emergencies; a hip dislocation is one of them."

"I'll be there in a few minutes, Tammy." Cortez returned to Mary's bedside, and began relaying to her the facts about the injuries, and what was about to happen next. She discussed Mary's normal lab test results, and held up one of the hip X-rays above Mary's face.

"So, you see, the ball has to be pulled back into the hip socket," she said, pointing at that area on the X-ray film.

Mary was more comfortable now; the pain medication had dulled the worst part of it.

"OK." That's all she could

think to say. "OK."

She allowed her head to relax back onto the pillow.

Forcible dislocation of the hip in an adult requires a significant force. The majority of hip dislocations are classified as "posterior," and are frequently caused by a force applied to a flexed knee, directed posteriorly. The ball on the end of the femur bone is torn out through the back of the joint capsule as it moves out of the hip socket.

There are various methods of

"reduction" of such injuries; all involve some form of traction and manipulation of the leg, usually under general anesthesia or deep sedation. Since the blood supply to the ball is torn off during a dislocation, it is important to place the ball back into the socket as quickly as possible in order to avoid the death of that portion of the bone.

DR. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians.

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**Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police Michael R. Miller responds to last week's Speak Out in reference to "In Praise of Belle Glade Police Officers":** "I have been a Belle Glade Police Officer for 27 years and have enjoyed the privilege of being your Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police for 15 years. I have always been proud to say that the citizens of Belle Glade have supported me and the men and women of the Belle Glade Police Department.

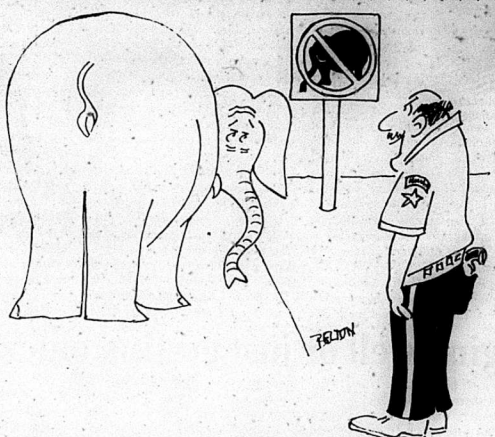
It is with a sense of pride that I do tell you that the men and women of the Belle Glade Police Department are the best educated and best trained group of people we have had in some time.

We do lack experience and have many new

faces, but that lack of experience is enhanced by a dedicated and professional attitude and a solid work ethic and I too am proud to be associated with these individuals.

Please Note: Law enforcement is a complex and difficult profession, one in which mistakes are made and there is always room for improved performance. I sincerely encourage all citizens with constructive complaints and criticism to please feel free to contact me at 996-7270 or 996-4026.

**Note to Readers:** We experienced some problems retrieving our Speak-Out calls this week. If you called in and don't see your comments here, we apologize. Look for your call in next week's issue of *The Sun*.



"HEY, YOU! WHAT'S THE MATTER ... YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE SIGN?"

## Guest Editorial

### Despite ads, cities catch the 'net' while small towns lag behind

By Cathy Keen

University of Florida News

Even as the hype portrays the Internet as a tool that will level the economic playing fields for big cities and small towns, the virtual reality is that a few select cities will get the lion's share of the information action, a new University of Florida study finds.

Although catchy ads show people linked from remote cabins, the need for reliable connections is clustering the Internet in core cities while rural locations lag further behind, said Sean Gorman, a UF graduate student in geography who did the research for his dissertation.

There is this notion with the Internet that you can locate anywhere and still be connected," Gorman said. "Although everyone can get connected, not everyone is connected equally."

Better service and faster connections in the select cities are likely to drive business and job location - and ultimately economic growth - in the Information Age, he said.

In the first study of its kind to examine how geography affects the Internet, Gorman found a distinct hierarchy of cities for Internet infrastructure. The first tier of San Francisco, Washington, D.C., and Chicago was much better connected than the second-level cities of Atlanta, New York and Dallas.

The third tier consisted of Phoenix, Cleveland, Seattle, Los Angeles, Kansas City, Mo. and Houston, and the fourth is Boston, Denver, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Detroit, Miami, Jacksonville and Orlando, he said.

One result is that the Internet has become like the airline industry, with a few hub cities getting the fastest and most direct connections, Gorman said.

"No longer merely a public infrastructure, the Internet has become a real battleground for several large corporations," said UF geography professor Edward J. Maleki, who supervised the research. "Sean's is the first work to apply network analysis to the Internet in this way."

"If you're just sending e-mails back and forth and doing some occasional Web browsing, it's not going to affect you too much," Gorman said. "But if you're locating a corporation in South

Dakota or Montana to take advantage of cheap labor and land, it will be impossible to keep pace with your competitors in places like suburban Washington, D.C., or the Silicon Valley.

"Even though you're dealing with milliseconds, it really does make a big difference with some of these high-speed applications," he said.

"When you have to take a series of hops through places with little capacity or connections and you get a lot of traffic and congestion, you begin losing packets and they have to be retransmitted."

A message sent on the Internet between the University of Florida in Gainesville and The Tampa Tribune, for example, makes six hops, traveling through Jacksonville, Atlanta, Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Orlando before finally reaching Tampa. In contrast, San Francisco and Washington, D.C., thousands of miles farther apart from each other than Gainesville and Tampa - have direct links with each other, he said.

There also are more than a dozen Internet transmission lines connecting San Francisco and Los Angeles but only a few between Jacksonville and Orlando, said Gorman, who did the research by compiling data from networks and provider maps into a series of matrices. These multiple links are critical because when one line becomes congested or fails, traffic can be rerouted instantly to another, he said.

"If you just have one link and a backhoe hits the line or a power outage occurs - which happens frequently and is a huge fear of companies and network providers - it's all over for you," Gorman said. "You can't run your Web site. You can't run your business. It's completely blacked out."

The Internet has become so essential to today's businesses it's relied upon for even the most routine things, from directly connecting suppliers and distributors to making goods more available to customers, Gorman said. And with companies such as IBM airing commercials on television saying geography doesn't matter and business magazines touting the benefits of the Internet, companies are under a great deal of pressure to use it, he said.



**BUILDING A FLOAT.** Wayne Corbin helps Mickey McGahee saw a log to use on the winning Senior float in 1966 or 1967.

### Wrong moves can be deadly with lightning

By Chris Eversole

With summer thunderstorms once again in full swing, University of Florida researchers are reminding those playing or working outdoors to be wary of the deadly lightning that comes with them.

Staying away from wide-open spaces is the best lightning defense, researchers say, but ducking under a large tree or in a small shelter not protected from lightning makes you part of the lightning rod.

"Lightning is attracted to the highest object in an area, and a tree that extends beyond the surrounding landscape can become the target of a strike," said Martin Uman, director of UF's Lightning Research Center. "Isolated golfcourse and picnic shelters that are not protected from lightning also are risky."

Among those who make their living outdoors, farm and ranch workers are especially at risk, said Carol Lehtola, agricultural safety specialist for UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

"We all know that golfing and other sports expose you to lightning, but most people don't realize that farmhand ranch workers are at high risk because they do much of their work outdoors far away from shelter," Lehtola said.

In May, for instance, seven farm workers in Myakka City were injured when lightning struck the metal flatbed trailer they had crawled under for shelter from a storm.

"Too often, workers and their supervisors stay on the job until it starts raining and get back to work as soon as they can after a storm passes," she said. "They don't realize that lightning can strike them when thunderstorms are in the area but the sky above them is clear."

All crews of farm workers should include at least one person who has training in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, Lehtola said, and supervisors of agricultural workers should carry a weather radio so

they can be alerted to storms in plenty of time.

Lightning danger begins with the first rumble of thunder and continues until 30 minutes after the last thunder clap or lightning bolt, Lehtola said.

To judge how far away lightning is, she said, measure the time between seeing the bolt or flash and hearing the thunder that follows.

"You can gauge the number of seconds between the thunder and lightning on your watch or by counting by 1,000s," she said. "Every five seconds between when you see lightning and you hear thunder means the lightning is a mile away."

Uman offered more tips on avoiding being hit by lightning:

- Avoid standing alone in the surrounding landscape in an open field or on a beach.

- Stay away from wire fences, rails and other metallic paths along the ground that could carry lightning currents to you.

- If you're in a small boat or swimming, come ashore, since the electrical current from a nearby strike can flow through the water to you.

- Take shelter in a house or building with a floor, electrical wiring and plumbing or in a car with the windows rolled up. Golf carts are unsafe.

- In open spaces, lie down or crouch in a ravine or valley. If no ravine or valley is nearby, get in any depression in the ground.

- In a wooded area, seek shelter in a thick growth of small trees. No one tree is more likely to be hit than any other.

If a person is struck by lightning, Lehtola said, it's important not to assume they are dead simply because their heart has stopped beating or they have stopped breathing.

"More than 80 percent of lightning victims survive, but it's important to improve a victim's chances by administering CPR," she said. "It's tragic that most people don't know what to do."

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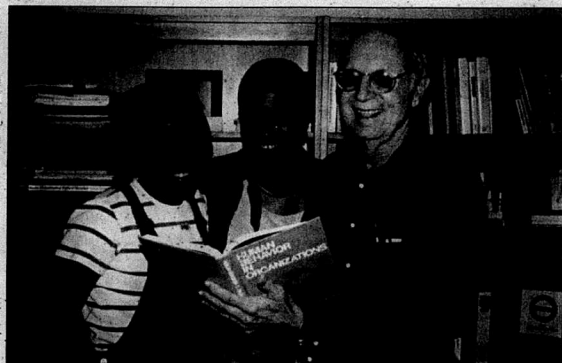
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**FAU COMING TO PBCC**—Florida Atlantic University will be offering a public management course at Palm Beach Community College, Glades Campus beginning Aug. 25. Shown above is (l-r) Ms. Suzette Wilson, an FAU architecture student; Dr. Floydette "Skip" Cory, the assistant dean of the FAU College of Architecture and Urban and Public Affairs; and Dr. Jay S. Mendell, professor of public administration in the FAU College of Architecture and Urban and Public Affairs.

## FAU to offer public management courses at PBCC, Glades Campus

Florida Atlantic University will expand its course offerings on the Glades campus of the Palm Beach Community College in Belle Glade this fall. The first course in a program leading to a bachelor of public management degree, "organizational behavior," will be offered on Wednesdays from 6 to 9:30 p.m. starting August 25.

The bachelor of public management degree is suitable for those who are planning careers in government, non-profit organizations, law enforcement, corrections, social services, health and hospital administration, and many branches of business and education.

Dr. Jay S. Mendell, a professor at the School of Public Administration will be commuting from FAU's downtown Fort Lauderdale campus to

teach the course. His experience includes a 10-year career at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft in Connecticut, three years as an engineering professor at Florida International University in Miami, and 23 years as a professor of business and public administration at FAU. Dr. Mendell will be available to students who need his assistance outside of the classroom. The Glades campus of Palm Beach Community College is located at 1977 College Drive, Belle Glade, and serves the communities of South Bay, Canal Point, Pahokee, Wellington, and Royal Palm Beach.

For more information, contact Dr. Floydette Cory-Scruggs, assistant dean of the College of Architecture and Urban and Public Affairs at (954) 236-1166.



**WELCOME NEW OFFICERS**...Belle Glade Rotary held installation of new officers recently. Shown, left to right are: Director B Brian Boyd, Director C John Raulerson, Treasurer Lee Mikell, Vice President Mike Stevens, President Brandon Markham, Secretary Stewart Stein, Director D Alan Sullivan, Director A Jim Shine. Not shown is Sergeant-at-Arms Glenn Bair.

## New learning institution teaches career skills, not job skills

By Stephanie Schneider  
Jack Jones, President and Director of AmeriTech Institute for Career Education in South Bay, was the guest speaker at the Clewiston Lions' Club regular meeting last Thursday. He spoke to the members about a new educational institution he founded and financed, with the help of his wife, to teach prospective members of the work force the necessary work skills to prepare for a career.

The non-profit school is located in the South Bay Plaza at 165 U.S. Highway 27 South. The average length of the classes are 14 weeks and will extend longer if necessary, according to Mr. Jones. AmeriTech also offers an on-

site G.E.D. program alongside classes that teach sales, management and marketing; customer service; nursing assistant, home health aide, patient care assistant, administrative office procedures and computer training. "Programs include classroom, laboratory and field work experiences," according to Mr. Jones.

"AmeriTech primarily teaches adults, 18 and above. It's an institution that helps students find careers, not jobs," said Mr. Jones. "We offer affordable financing, career planning and development, resume preparation and placement assistance to our students," he continued.

"Probably more important though, we teach our students employer expectations; things

like being on time, being professional and appearance and presentation," said Mr. Jones.

"AmeriTech also offers classes for employers to send their employees to. The only stipulation is that the employer must attend the class first, free of charge, because there's no worse thing for an employer to do than to make an employee learn new tools and new ideas and then tell them that's it not the way we do that around here," said Mr. Jones.

"The biggest return I get is knowing that we're changing some lives and making people feel like more productive citizens," said Mr. Jones. If you are interested in attending AmeriTech, you can call (561) 996-5007.

## Seminar offered for tax free holiday

The Department of Revenue is holding a series of free education seminars around the state during July for merchants who want guidance in selling clothing and certain accessories that will be exempt from state and local sales tax during nine days starting July 31.

The 1999 Florida Legislature passed a law setting a tax-free period to run from 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, July 31 through midnight on

Sunday, August 8.

According to the law, clothing, shoes and certain accessories priced at \$100 or less will be exempt from Florida's 6 percent sales tax as well as local-option sales taxes during the nine-day period.

The seminars, in which one will be held in Belle Glade on Friday, July 23, will include a broad range of topics applicable to retail businesses, ranging from what items will be tax-exempt to how to handle

refunds, rebates and lay-aways of tax-free items. Businesses or individuals who want more information on the seminars or the tax holiday may call 1-800-841-1395 or their nearest Department of Revenue service center, listed in the blue pages of their local telephone directory.

The seminar in Belle Glade will be held at City Hall, the Municipal Complex (Room B) at 110 S.W. Ave. E at 1 p.m.



Mario Pacheco

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Mario Pacheco who is wanted for failure to appear on charges of lewd assault. Pacheco is a white male, 5'7" tall, and weighs 190 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is June 20, 1953.

His last known address was 530 Southeast Second Street,

Belle Glade. His Social Security number is 157-94-9375 and his last occupation was as a truck driver. His warrant was active as of July 13, 1999.

If you know the whereabouts of Pacheco, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

## Arrest Blotters

*Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.*

### BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 601 complaints and gave 32 traffic citations the week of July 12-18.

Those arrested included:

July 12 - Ronnie Leon Booth, 21, petit theft; Steve Barrett, 23, attempted grand theft and petit theft.

July 13 - Jimmie Moore, 48, felony retail theft and possession of narcotic paraphernalia; Bernard Hammond, 20, grand theft auto and aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer with a motor vehicle.

July 14 - Aston Devon Brooks, 23, carrying a concealed weapon and grand theft firearm; Larry McCrae, 47, burglary of a structure, theft of utilities and obstruction by a disguised person; Baisha Hill, 20, retail theft.

July 15 - Juvenile, 17, grand theft auto; Juvenile, 17, failure to appear on assault charges.

July 16 - Tony Wayne Schultz, 39, loitering and prowling; Charles Grey, 26; loitering and prowling; Octavia Curtis, 25, aggravated stalking and aggravated assault with a motor vehicle; Jemia Kinsey, 20, retail theft; James Austin, 21, contempt of court.

July 17 - No arrests made.

July 18 - Samuel Louis Grant, 35, trespass after warning; Luke Thomas Weeks, 20, criminal mischief.

### PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department made 7 arrests, handled 180 calls and issued 11 traffic citations the week of July 12-18.

Those arrested included:

July 12 - Alfred Wimberly, 22, robbery with a firearm, aggravated battery with a firearm and grand theft.

July 13 - Michelle Bovie, 24, aggravated assault and stalking; Robert Dalkins, 21, obstruction by a disguised person.

July 14 - Shineaka L. Newkirk, 20, aggravated battery and warrant for retail theft.

July 15 - No arrests made.

July 16 - No arrests made.

July 17 - Clarence Bryant Jr., 47, possession of cocaine and possession of marijuana; Breyna Elijah, 25, warrant; Gilberto Longora, 33, DWI.

July 18 - No arrests made.

### SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made 9 arrests the week of July 11-17.

July 11 - Pamela Lynn Rhim, 25, warrant for violation of probation; Linda Jeffries, 30, resisting arrest without violence.

July 12 - Donald Brown, 45, possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

July 13 - Juvenile, 15, criminal mischief.

July 14 - Juvenile, 13, burglary.

July 15 - No arrests made.

July 16 - John Early, 29, violation of domestic injunction; Jose Flores, 22, DUI/property-personal injury; Narvin Green, 44, violation of the open container law; Cornelius White, 26, violation of the open container law.

July 17 - No arrests made.

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# Two local students honored at the "Breakfast for Champions" at SeaWorld in Orlando

Florida's top high school athletes and coaches were honored at SeaWorld in Orlando last month, but it was a future athlete who stole the show.

In the middle of Tampa Bay Buccaneer Defensive Tackle and guest speaker Brad Culpepper's address, Culpepper's two year old son, Rex, pulled a facility fire alarm.

The seventh annual Dairy Farmers Florida High School Sports Awards Program's "Breakfast for Champions" program was delayed several minutes as the audience and speakers vacated the Ports of Call special events complex.

The awards program is sponsored by Dairy Farmers, Inc. and the Florida Athletic Coaches Association (FACA).

Winners in 20 sports and five scholar-athletes were honored at the event, which was televised in a one-hour special airing on the Sunshine Network July 6 to more than 4.5 million cable homes statewide. Four additional broadcasts will be announced.

After giving acknowledgment to his show-stopping son, Culpepper gave credit to the integrity he learned from current FACA president Jim Sauls

and cited many examples in his life of overcoming adversity to reach success.

"If you keep working hard and persevere, great things will happen for you," Culpepper encouraged the coaches and athletes.

Along with honoring the state's top high school athletes, coaches and scholar-athletes, Dairy Farmers, Inc. presented the second annual "Cream-of-the-Crop" humanitarian award to Glades Day School's Donnie Scruggs.

Donnie was recognized for his 4A state wrestling championship at 171 pounds, despite being the sole member on his school's team.

Donnie told the crowd what winning the award meant to him.

"It is an honor because I am being honored for a range of things, not just for my sport, but for other things," he said.

He also helps underprivileged wrestler's by getting wrestling uniforms and gear donated.

Also receiving an award was Pahokee's own Anquan Boldin. He earned the title of "Mr. Football."

He gave advice to others who would like to follow

in his wake.

"Play hard, stay focused and never lose track of your goals," he said.

After receiving nominations from coaches and media in each of the 20 FACA districts in the state, voters select the top players and coaches in each classification.

A final round of voting selects the individual Player-of-the-Year and Coach-of-the-Year in each sport.

During the past seven years, the awards program has honored more than 2,000 coaches and athletes statewide.

Past winners include Alex Rodriguez, shortstop for the Seattle Mariners; Vince Carter, first-round draft pick and NBA Rookie-of-the-Year; Steve Scott, who battled Tiger Woods to the final hole in the 1996 U.S. Amateur Championship; Duane Culpepper, first round draft pick by the Minnesota Vikings; Beth Bauer, who led Duke University to eight tournament titles including the 1999 Atlantic Coast Conference and NCAA team championships; and Allison Wagner, silver medalist at the 1996 Summer Olympics.



**MR. FOOTBALL AND CREAM-OF-THE-CROP:** Pahokee High School graduate Anquan Boldin and Glades Day School's Donnie Scruggs were among the honorees at SeaWorld in Orlando for the 1999 Florida High School Sports Awards' "Breakfast for Champions" presented by Dairy Farmers, Inc. Anquan won the Florida Mr. Football award and Donnie was honored as the male "Cream-of-the-Crop" humanitarian award winner.



**Shawn Michael Stambaugh**

## Stambaugh graduates from University of Florida

Shawn Michael Stambaugh, a 1994 Honors graduate of Glades Central High School, will graduate from University of South Florida, Tampa Campus, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering on August 7, 1999 at the Sun Dome Coliseum.

In 1993, Shawn attained and received his Eagle Scout rank under the direction of Billy Schoenfeld and Jim Shine from the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 622. This is one of the highest rank in the Boy Scouts organization.

Curtis and Inge Stambaugh of Belle Glade are the proud parents of Shawn and wish him much success in his new future.

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### WAFC - 106.3

will do a live remote from Steve Moore of Belle Glade on Friday, July 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be free McDonald's snacks for the first 25 visitors and drawings for a Mini Motorized ATV and a Tiny Toddler ATV!



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# NASCAR this week

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  - Winston Cup, Pennsylvania 500  
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### 1999 POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Dale Jarrett, 2,839	Dale Earnhardt Jr., 2,700	Jack Sprague, 2,319
2. Jeff Burton, 2,599	Matt Kenseth, 2,640	Greg Biffle, 2,205
3. Mark Martin, 2,590	Jeff Green, 2,504	Stacy Compton, 2,142
4. Bobby Labonte, 2,551	Todd Bodine, 2,243	Dennis Setzer, 2,141
5. Jeff Gordon, 2,450	Elton Sawyer, 2,297	Andy Houston, 2,131
6. Tony Stewart, 2,405	Jason Keller, 2,207	Ron Hornaday, 2,101
7. Dale Earnhardt, 2,324	Jeff Purvis, 2,152	Jay Sauter, 2,090
8. Ward Burton, 2,141	Mike McLaughlin, 2,103	Mike Wallace, 2,051
9. Terry Labonte, 2,098	Dave Blaney, 2,056	Mike Bliss, 1,983
10. Jeremy Mayfield, 2,097	Randy LaJoie, 2,017	Kevin Harvick, 1,953

### TOP TEN

Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

- (1) Dale Jarrett Comfortably ahead in fourth
- (3) Jeff Burton N.H. win was his fourth
- (2) Jeff Gordon Is he too far back?
- (4) Bobby Labonte Half of Team Pontiac
- (5) Mark Martin Driving with pain
- (6) Tony Stewart I hear you knocking ...
- (7) Dale Earnhardt Can't wait for Talladega
- (8) Rusty Wallace Out for Gordon
- (9) Ward Burton Solid season, no wins
- (10) John Andretti Fourth Pontiac driver

### FROM LAST WEEK

#### BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

In the annual stop at Myrtle Beach (S.C.) Speedway, Chevrolet driver Jeff Green benefitted from the misfortune of teammate Jason Keller, who suffered a flat tire while leading with two and a half laps to go. Green held off the race's 1998 winner, Randy LaJoie, to win for the second time this year. Keller wound up eighth.

#### CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

Greg Biffle earned his fourth victory of the season at Nazareth (Pa.) Speedway, besting Roush Racing teammate Mike Bliss in a 4-2 Ford sweep. Rookie Scott Hansen had his best finish, third in a Chevrolet.

### 1999 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

July 25	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 7	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	Speedway, Ind.
Aug. 15	Watkins Glen International	Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 22	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 28	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
SEPT. 5	Darlington Raceway	Darlington, S.C.
Sept. 11	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
Sept. 19	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
Sept. 26	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
OCT. 3	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
Oct. 10	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
Oct. 17	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 24	North Carolina Speedway	Rockingham, N.C.
Nov. 7	Phoenix International Raceway	Avondale, Ariz.
Nov. 14	Miami-Dade Homestead Motorsports Complex	Homestead, Fla.
Nov. 21	Atlanta Motor Speedway	Hampton, Ga.

### FEUD OF THE WEEK

#### Jeff Gordon vs. Rusty Wallace

The feud between Gordon and Dale Jarrett will probably go away - after all, Jarrett leads Gordon by 389 in the point standings - but Wallace will not forgive Gordon so easily for the New Hampshire incident that sent Wallace into the wall. Wallace blamed Gordon for racing on the track's apron; Gordon blamed Wallace for forcing him down there.

**NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton** gives his opinion: "Wallace and Gordon have a long history of getting together on the track, dating back to Gordon's last lap rub-and-pass at Bristol two years ago, and Gordon has come out ahead in every instance. Wallace might feel as if he owes Gordon one, or two, or five."

### AROUND THE GARAGE

## Melling says he doesn't plan to sell father's racing team

By Monte Dutton

NASCAR This Week

Mark Melling insists he has no plans to sell the Melling Racing team founded by his late father.

Melling will talk to potential drivers through the end of the year, when Jerry Nadeau is scheduled to leave for a ride at Hendrick Motorsports. One possibility is Steve Grissom.

Cal Wells, who will enter Cup racing next year with a Tide sponsorship, may also consider Grissom, along with Wally Dallenbach Jr. Wells has approached Robert Yates about supplying engines for his team, which would seem to indicate he will run Fords, but no agreement has been reached.

**INDY TESTING:** Jeremy Mayfield was the fastest in two days of testing at Indianapolis Motor Speedway for next month's Brickyard 400. Mayfield's best lap was at 177.25 mph.

Other speeds included Ricky Rudd (177.228), Nadeau (177.040), Elliott Sadler (177.012), Rick Mast (176.198), Johnny Benson (175.896), Kevin Leape (175.774), Bill Elliott (175.251), Darrell Waltrip (174.815) and Mike Wallace (174.693).

**BROOKS INJURED:** Ex-driver and MRN commentator Dick Brooks was seriously injured last week in a motorcycle accident.

His condition was upgraded from critical to serious on Thursday afternoon, and a spokesman for Spartanburg (S.C.) Regional Medical Center said Brooks' injuries were not life-threatening.

**NEW HENDRICK SPONSOR:** On Monday, Hendrick Motorsports announced a new sponsorship for its No. 25 team. Michael Holigan Homes, a home-sales firm that specializes in Web sales, will sponsor Nadeau in 2000. Supposedly the contract is worth \$8 to \$10 million a year.

Jerry Nadeau will drive the car next year.

**THE VOTE IS ON:** The National Motorsports Press Association's annual balloting for Winston Cup Most Popular Driver has begun.

To vote for their favorite driver, fans can call (800) 903-0909. The cost of the call is 79 cents, and each fan is limited to 10 calls per 24-hour period and a total of 25 calls per each phone number.

The voting ends at midnight on Nov. 23. Bill Elliott was last year's winner.

### THE WINSTON CUP SERIES

**Coming up:** Pennsylvania 500 Where: Pocono Raceway, Long Pond, Pa. (2.5-mile track), 200 laps/500 miles

**When:** Sunday, July 25

**Defending champion:** Jeff Gordon

**Event qualifying record:** Ward Burton, Pontiac, 168.805 mph, July 24, 1998

**Race record:** Rusty Wallace, Ford, 144.892 mph, July 21, 1996

**Notable:** Bobby Labonte won for the first time at Pocono earlier this summer. ... Another Jeff Gordon victory would tie him with Darrell Waltrip, the late Tim Richmond and Bill Elliott with four victories at the track.

### BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

**Coming up:** NAPA Auto Care 250

**Where:** Pikes Peak International Raceway, Fountain, Colo. (1-mile track), 250

laps/miles.

**When:** Saturday, July 24

**Defending champion:** Matt Kenseth

**Qualifying record:** Matt Kenseth, Chevrolet, 134.193 mph, June 13, 1998

**Race record:** Matt Kenseth, Chevrolet, 102.834 mph, June 14, 1998

**Notable:** This is the series' second visit to Pikes Peak. ... Fellow Chevy drivers Phil Parsons and Randy LaJoie followed Kenseth across the

finish line last year.

### CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

**Coming up:** Michigan 200

**Where:** Michigan Speedway, Brooklyn, Mich. (2-mile track), 100 laps/200 miles

**When:** Saturday, July 24

**Defending champion:** First event

**Notable:** This will be the first of four truck events to be held in conjunction with the CART FedEx Championship Series.

## Your Turn

Letters From Our Readers

**Dear NASCAR This Week,**  
I'm always disappointed when I see Jeff Gordon ranked so high in the Top 10. I would have to bet writer Monte Dutton is surely a Gordon fan. Come on, give the top spots to those that truly deserve them!

Candace Putt  
Saxton, Pa.

We consider Gordon to be one of the better drivers on the circuit and believe his record supports his high rankings.

### Dear NASCAR This Week,

Has NASCAR ever considered air bags? And whatever happened to Lake Speed?

Robert E. Taylor  
Leesburg, Fla.

Air bags would cause more problems than they solve in racing, simply because they would make it impossible for a driver to steer his damaged car out of the way of other cars after making contact with the wall. In answer to your other question, Lake Speed is now team manager of the Midwest Transist Racing team, for whom Ricky Craven is the current driver.

### Dear NASCAR This Week,

Is passing the pace car a penalty or not?

During the Pepsi 400, Dale Jarrett clearly passed the pace car while driving under caution during the last three laps. Why didn't NASCAR call it if the victory for Jarrett stands?

Kenneth E. Horn  
Bristolville, Ohio

NASCAR penalizes a driver for passing the pace car only if it is done as a means of gaining positions. As an example, we have seen both Dale Earnhardt and Jeff Gordon slip ahead of the pace car in past years without being penalized.

### FROM THE ARCHIVES

Unlike many of his contemporaries, Lee Petty was never a moonshiner. He was a hard-working family man with little sympathy for men who broke the law. He also won three NASCAR championships and was the sport's winningest driver until another Petty, named Richard, surpassed his father's victory total in 1967.

### CREW OF THE WEEK

Jeff Green won the Busch Grand National event at Myrtle Beach (S.C.) Speedway, but his teammate, Jason Keller, should have. Crew chief Steve Addington and the rest of Keller's crew made all the right moves, but a flat tire with 2 1/2 laps to go relegated Keller to eighth place.

### Trackside Trivia

- What kind of car did Richard Petty drive in the first Daytona 500?
- Who drove the Tim Flock Special in the Southern 500?
- Who drove the pace car at Daytona's first Firecracker 400?

(1) Oldsmobile convertible; (2) Darrell Waltrip; (3) Walter Cronkite

ANSWERS

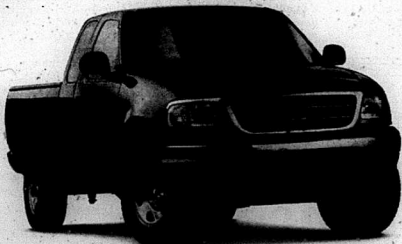


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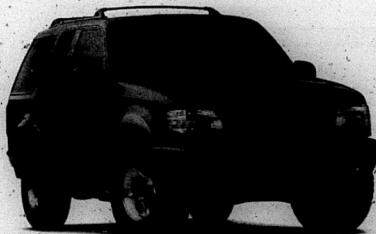


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**KIDS SHOW OFF THEIR HARD WORK.** Several students from New Hope Charities participated in the Doll Making Club and showed off their work at the Pahokee City Commission meeting last Tuesday night. The students designed, cut and sewed by hand the various costumes they made. Several dolls were party dresses but some of the others represented different cultures including an American Indian figure, a Hawaiian doll and an African American doll. Pictured left to right are Commissioner Keith Babbs, Mayor Alvis Davis, Jossie Torres, Vice Mayor Roy Singletary, David Ruiz, Commissioner Henry Crawford and Lila Farios.

## Second Annual Student Academicamp to be held at Glades Central High School

Glades Central Community High School and Glades Community Development Corporation along with Thomas and Regina Lockett will co-sponsor the Second Annual Student Academicamp on Saturday, July 24 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The camp will be held at Glades Central High School and will include students and their parents in grades 8 through 12 from the Glades area.

The goal of the camp is to inform, inspire, motivate and prepare students to improve their academic performance now in preparation for life after graduation from high school.

"There will be workshops, motivational speeches along with lunch and refreshments for everyone who attends," Mr. Lockett said.

The theme this year for the academic camp is *Focus on Your Future*.

"We will begin with two very special guest speakers," Mr.

Lockett said.

The first speaker will be Donald N. Watson, Esq., a partner of the law firm Gary, Williams, Parenti, Finney, Lewis, Watson and Sperduto.

Next will be Kimberly Abrams of KLA Consultants. Both will be speaking on the importance of academics.

A parents workshop will be led by Daniel Bythwood, former Belle Glade City Commissioner, whose aim is to encourage parental involvement in the educational process.

Ten other workshops are scheduled for the day. During lunch two other local individuals including NFL star and graduate of Glades Central and Florida State University Jessie Hester, will speak to campers about the importance of academics from a NFL perspective.

ESQ. University of Florida graduate and staff attorney with Miami Engineering & Planning firm,

PBS&J will follow Mr. Hester. "The sponsors, Dr. Grear, the faculty and attendees all play an important role in the success of this event," said Mr. Lockett. "If it were not for the dedication and commitment of all individuals involved, the goals of this program would not be realized."

The organizers, Thomas and Regina Lockett truly believe that it takes a village to raise our children.

"This program was created in hopes of helping to ensure a better future for this community and our leaders of tomorrow," said Mr. Lockett.

To attend the academic camp students are asked to pre-register the remainder of the week at the administration office of the school.

Those who have not registered by Saturday morning will get an opportunity to register between 8:30 and 9 a.m. and camp will begin promptly at 9 a.m.

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Juanita is the daughter of Robert Tristan and Martha Navarro. She is a student at Glades Day school and is active in tennis, volleyball, dancing and cheerleading. Juanita is being sponsored by her father for the state pageant.

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## Obituaries

Week of July 22, 1999

**Marion Jasper "Speedy" Spooner**, 78, of Belle Glade passed away on Thursday, July 15, in Pahokee.

Born May 24, 1920 in Donaldsonville, GA. He moved to Pahokee with his family in 1926. He graduated from Pahokee High School in 1940. Mr. Spooner worked for the Highway Patrol for 9 years, the Palm Beach Co. Sheriff's Dept. for 2 years and with the City of Belle Glade Police Dept. for 22 years, where he retired in 1983.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Linda Ann Jones, 1996.

Mr. Spooner is survived by his wife Doris E. Spooner and his sons David Spooner and John Lloyd Spooner of Belle Glade and Steven Spooner of San Antonio, Texas, his brother Stewart Spooner of Tallahassee, FL and two sisters Georgi Moon and Juanita Cowart of Pahokee. He has six grandchildren; Thomas Spooner, Kim Mann, Chad Parrish, Scot Spooner, Jennifer Jones and Lacey Spooner, four great grandchildren, three nephews, four nieces and many other cousins, relatives and friends.

He was a past President of the Belle Glade P.B.A. and received the Belle Glade JayCee's Policeman of the year award in 1970 and 1971.

Services were held at St. John Episcopal Church, burial at Port Mayaca Cemetery.

**William Sloan Plumer**, 86, of Tequesta, FL, passed away Saturday, July 17, 1999 at the Jupiter Medical Center. He was born in Marietta, Ohio and had been a resident of Tequesta for 30 years, moving here from Pahokee, FL.

Prior to retirement, he was the President of Glades Chemical/Consolidated Chemicals Company for 25 years in Pahokee. He was a member of the 1st United Methodist Church of Jupiter-Tequesta and previously, of Pahokee.

Mr. Plumer was active in a long list of professional and community associations at both local and state levels, including the Elks Lodge of Pahokee, Masonic Lodge/Shriners, Pahokee Rotary Club, the Regional Hospital Board, and Florida Agricultural Research Institute.

A 1936 graduate of Ohio State University, he was one of eight people recognized in 1982 by the University as one of its Distinguished Alumni. He served as a communications officer with the US Navy during World War II and made ten round trips from the US to Europe with the Atlantic Convoy.

Survivors include his wife Donna Hadley Plumer of Tequesta; one son, William S. Plumer, Jr., of Elizabethton, TN; one daughter, Jann P. Taylor of Falls Church, VA; one brother, Samuel H. Plumer of Hemet, CA; two sisters, Jane F. Plumer and Ruth Kalman, both of Jupiter, FL; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. The family suggest contributions be made to the Florida Elks Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 49, Unadilla, FL 32784. A memorial service was held on Monday, July 19.

**Frances J. Fussell**, 70, a resident of Belle Glade for 44 years passed away on Saturday, July 17 after a brief but hard fought battle with cancer.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald Fussell, son Dennis Fussell of Birmingham, AL; daughter Diane Corbin of Royal Palm Beach; daughter and son-in-law Darlene and Kenneth Cavine of Wellington; Sisters Ethel Burnsed of Ft. Meade; Lessie Driskell of Lakeland; Jean Stephens of Hollywood, Minnie Weisner of High Point, NC; Melva Stokes of Kentucky; Danary Tillis of Lake Alfred, FL; Carolyn Leady of Orlando. Grandchildren are Wayne Corbin, Doug and Jennifer Corbin, Gerri and Rob Smith, Stephanie and Henry Ruiz, Dennis Fussell Jr., Emily and Krystal Cavane. Also many wonderful loving friends.

Services were conducted at the First Baptist Church in Belle Glade on July 20 with interment in Ft. Meade.



**CAYSON PROMOTED** - W.W. Mikell, President of the Bank of Belle Glade, congratulates Linda Cayson (left) upon her promotion to position of Customer Service Officer.

## Sorlinda "Linda" Cayson holds new position at Bank of Belle Glade

At the June Board of Directors meeting of the Bank of Belle Glade, Sorlinda "Linda" Cayson was promoted to the position of Customer Service Officer.

Ms. Cayson joined the Bank of Belle Glade in 1990 and has worked in many departments throughout the bank. She is a graduate of Glades Central High School and is currently living in Belle Glade, along with her daughter, Micaela.

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## Lawrence Walker graduates from MWSC

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